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Claims 1-34 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 4, 8, 14, 15, 17-19, 21, 24, 27, 28, 32, and 34 have been amended as shown at pages 4-11 of this Reply to more clearly emphasize the invention. In addition, the specification has been amended, as indicated at pages 2-3.

Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

**I. Objection to the Specification**

The specification is objected to because of a minor typographical error. The specification has been amended per the Examiner's recommendation. Therefore, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

**II. Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 5-15 and 20-34 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)**

Claims 1, 2, 5-15 and 20-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Bruno *et al.* (US 6,604,123). It is respectfully submitted that this rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons. Bruno *et al.* does not teach each and every element of the subject invention as recited in the subject claims.

A single prior art reference anticipates a patent claim only if it expressly or inherently describes each and every limitation set forth in the patent claim. *Trintec Industries, Inc., v. Top-U.S.A. Corp.*, 295 F.3d 1292, 63 U.S.P.Q.2D 1597 (Fed. Cir. 2002); *See Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ 2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

More specifically, claim 1, as amended, recites in part ...*an attribute* being associated with the communication component, *the attribute having selectable attribute conditions* that are inaccessible by the associated process.... Bruno *et al.* does not teach an attribute having selectable attribute conditions.

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Furthermore, claim 1 recites in part ...the attribute having selectable attribute conditions that are *inaccessible by the associated process*.... Bruno *et al.* teaches a protected domain A 208 that issues a system call which is received and processed to access a pointer in a lookup table. The system call includes a table index, which index is used to find the associated pointer that points to portal code. Thus, Bruno *et al.* does not teach the recited limitation.

Claim 12 recites in part ...*a first queue operative to store a request received directly from a first of the at least two processes*.... As noted above, Bruno *et al.* teaches a system call that is processed to access a pointer in a lookup table. The request is not stored. Hence, Bruno *et al.* does not teach such limitation. Moreover, Bruno *et al.* does not teach or suggest ...*validation of the stored request*... or that ...the stored request *including a destination address and a key having a key value*... as recited in the subject claim.

Claim 25 recites in part ...*storage means for storing a request received directly from a first of the at least two processes*.... Bruno *et al.* does not teach or suggest a storage means that stores the request directly received from the first process, but rather simply processing a system call. Moreover, the processed system call of Bruno *et al.* facilitates access by the protected domain A 208 to the portal code. This is in sharp contrast to applicant's recited limitation wherein ...*the at least one key value associated with the storage means being unavailable to user-level processes*....

Similar limitations are recited in claims 21, 28-30 and 34. In view of at least the foregoing arguments, this rejection of independent claims 1, 12, 21, 25, 28-30, 34 and the claims that depend therefrom should be withdrawn.

### **III. Rejection of Claims 3, 4 and 16-19 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Claims 3, 4 and 16-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bruno *et al.* in view of Neal *et al.* (US 6,766,467). It is respectfully submitted that this rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons.

The subject claims respectively depend from independent claims 1 and 12. As noted *supra*, Bruno *et al.* does not teach or suggest each and every element of the subject

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invention as recited in these independent claims, and Neal *et al.* fails to make up for the aforementioned deficiencies of Bruno *et al.*

Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

**IV. Conclusion**

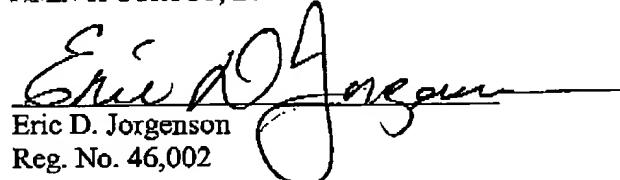
The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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